

Oxford County Advertiser.

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Relative to the Columbus Letter.

We supposed its invective style, the actually ridiculous assertions coupled with confident malice, provoking and extravagant would make it apparent to every reader that it was simply a Ciceronian attempt at "sentence building," and would be read and commented on as such rather than as an exposition of "Simon pure facts." However, as some living at a distance, as well as some near by might be misled, it is more than just to set them right and present Norway in her true light as she actually is without undue coloring or word painting.

That Norway has long been the growing banner town and business center of Oxford County is a matter of fact. Her business men are progressive and enterprising and zealously guard her interest and prosperity. It is equally true that the town has made a greater gain in population in the past ten years than any other town in the State is shown by the census report. That old industries have been enlarged and developed and new ones have been added, and a large business block and public hall has been built as well as many houses since that census was taken is but a plain statement of facts. Several new buildings are now in process of erection and enlargements and extensive repairs being made on others. Does not this show a decided and taken a decline in our prosperity. It is true that the store of the late Denson Hawkins is for rent and that the Bartlett store is vacant, yet this does not show a decline. The new block opens up several large and commodious stores which are all occupied. The Shackley store is used as a store house while the second old tannery mill privately owned and occupied by Chas. S. Cummings in a similar capacity.

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A canvass shows that our traders, without an exception have done a larger business than the year before. Some by liberal and judicious advertising new customers are constantly coming to our village to trade while our merchants vie with each other in giving good bargains and an honest equivalent for money or the produce of the farm. The canning business is comparatively a new industry and is meeting with general favor among the farmers.

There is no grievous debt on the town. Its valuation the past year was increased nearly \$40,000. Our money tax is less than ever before and after this year there will be an income accruing from the rent of the new hotel which will materially decrease our taxes. Our railroad facilities are good. While the Grand Trunk R. R. bestows no favors the trunk rail her patrons with the even hand of exact justice.

Our three churches are fairly supported and our ministers have the respect and esteem of the whole community, and as in many other places receive none too large an equivalent for their good services.

The melodious grating relative to unfenced lands, devouring hounds, roaming cattle and the like needs no mention. We have to thank the editor of the Democrat for his just and sane views on Norway and her industries. In justice, however, to innocence we must say, that however much the article in question sounded like the production of a former publisher, that neither did the gentleman or any member of his family, or an adherent to or an advocate of that party or faction had any thing to do with the writing or the publishing of it.

We viewed the article in question simply as a well-written, word-painted extravagance which could do no harm or injury to any one, and we trust it will not do any harm or injury to the owners of a struggle that ought to be fought.

We have just received a copy of the "Proceedings of the Reunion of the Alumni of Bridgton Academy," held at North Bridgton, July 12th. It is a neatly printed book of some 70 pages from the News press. It contains much interesting reading matter, among which are some 37 biographical sketches. Every member of the alumni should obtain a copy. It gives the addresses of Dexter A. Hawkins, A. M., New York and the Rev. S. S. Smith, Creators, in the Latin. The Pumpkin Flute, Ponto and the Moon, A bed of Needles, by the Sea, Coconut Island, Peggy's Spoon, etc. Russell Publishing Co. Boston, Mass.

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The docket for the September term of court is out and contains 397 entries of civil suits and 24 criminal ones.

James Andrews of Paris has been elected treasurer of the Maine Deer Meat Mission.

REXANT'S FOND.

The fall term of school in this village commenced on the 3d inst. with Miss M. J. Cummings of Sumner as teacher. This is Miss Cummings' fourth term in our village. We learn that Mr. T. J. Edgcomb has been engaged to teach the winter term. Mr. Edgcomb is a teacher of experience and comes well recommended, we are sure he will meet with success.

Wm. H. Cole has completed his store and is filling it up with a new stock of goods ready for the patronage of his former customers.

Houghton & Farnham have built up a trade since they opened. They have a good clean stock of goods, and their prices are low.

F. M. Bartlett always keeps a good assortment of goods, and his business is increasing every year.

The frost last week killed corn in many places. The dry weather has injured the corn to some extent. The complaint of their potatoes rotting in the ground.

Charles Martin of Bethel is about to build a large store house near the G. T. R. Depot. F. M. Cole does the carpenter work.

Eugene Cole, who has been very low from bleeding at the lungs, is slowly recovering. We trust soon to see him out again.

Azel Perham has sold his farm to Geo. Jackson of Boston. Price, \$500.

Melrose E. Cole has returned home from Ashland, Mass., smiling and good natured as ever.

Items for newspaper locals are not plenty in this hamlet: an account of every nine days' wonder would stir up more strife than a ward meeting in New York City.

BOLSTER'S MILLS.

Mrs. Sally W., wife of Capt. Otis Fernald, died at his residence in Hartford, Aug. 29d, aged 81 years and 8 months. Several years since Mrs. Fernald was seriously injured by falling from a ladder, since which time she has been confined to her bed much of the time. Mr. and Mrs. Fernald were the oldest couple with one exception living in this vicinity, having celebrated their golden wedding several years since. Funeral services were conducted at the church in this village by Rev. W. J. T. York, Pastor of the F. W. Baptist Church in Orlisfield.

Rev. G. G. Winslow, pastor of the M. E. Church at Foxcroft, has been spending a few days with his mother in Orlisfield. She has a shock of paralysis, and being about ninety years of age, and quite feeble, they feared she would not survive, but she is slowly improving. Mr. Winslow preached at Spurr's Corner on the Sabbath to a large and deeply interested audience.

Mrs. Harriet Barrows, wife of Geo. Barrows, has spent eight weeks with her mother and other relatives in Orlisfield and has returned to her home in Portland.

Miss Rosie Chute has left her home in this place, to resume her duties as teacher at the Normal School at Gorham.

O. V. Edwards is making repairs on the saw-mill and dam at this place.

B. S. Stillings has bought a large number of sheep and lambs this season. Mr. S. is one of our most active, enterprising men.

The cold wave passed over this place and gave us quite a frost on low land. But little damage was done here as the fog took the frost off. In "Jing-town" the corn and beans were killed. The Mr. S. is one of our most active, enterprising men.

The corn crop will be small unless we have rain soon.

Melvin Knight has lately built a small house near Pappoose pond, to be occupied by Will Harmon and some of his friends from Mass.

Calvin Bisbee who worked for Samuel Knight of Hartford this summer, has returned home.

Miss Reila Paige has lately bought a new white machine.

Miss Nora Fiske and several friends attended camp-meeting at Poland last Sunday.

Mr. U. Paige and wife who have been visiting their many relatives and friends in this vicinity, have returned to their home in Eskridge, Kansas.

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GREENWOOD.

Mrs. Jacob Davis and two of her daughters from New Gloucester are visiting their friends L. F. Emmons and L. T. Roberts.

D. V. Harris and son from Portland are here hunting and fishing.

Lena Yates, daughter of Sylvanus Yates, has returned home after an absence of a year or more.

John Roberts went to the Lakes fishing last week. While returning he called at a house in Grafton, and while there the man told Roberts he had cut heads that would measure 24 inches. These into the water and found some cubers of a struggle that ought to be fought.

Rev. Seth Benson from North Paris preached last Sabbath. I did not get there in season to hear all of the sermon. What I did hear was favored a little different from mine.

I passed Lemuel Dunham's the other day and saw four or five apple trees loaded with fruit but they had to be dropped up.

JOHN TOSUM.

HARTFORD.

Doubleless many of your readers who were the Blue have heard of Nathan M. Coster, one of my many former pupils, who volunteered to help crush the rebellion, would like to read the following: He entered the army 1861, and received the office of Lieut. of a colored Co., 3d Reg. when it required extra examination for officers to command colored troops according to orders issued at that time. After the war he went South and in 1868 married Miss Emma M. Phillips, and lived at Charlotte Harbor where he received many offices of honor and trust. On Aug. 1st he left his good home, wife and five children to visit some more his aged parents, brothers, sisters and scenes of younger days. He arrived at the old homestead in Buckfield on the 21st where his father, Chandler D. Coster, now 76 and mother 71 commenced housekeeping on the farm, and reared eleven children to manhood from 1820 to 1861. The farm was pointed for all the children to meet their parents at their old homestead for a "Happy Greeting." The day proving fair their fond anticipations were more than realized.

Clément G. 52, wife 46, four children living on the homestead; Sylvander, 48, wife 46, four children from Hartford; Nathan H., 46, from Charlotte Harbor, N. Y.; Cyrus H., 41, wife 38, from Holliston, Mass.; George, 24, from Turner; Mrs. L. Merrill, 50, husband 52, seven children from Turner; Mrs. L. A. Dunn, 39, husband 32, four children from Turner; Mrs. C. F. Jones, 36, from Cumberland; Mrs. Vesta V. 33, from Auburn; Mrs. L. G. Carver, 31, husband 32, two children from Auburn; Miss Ida M., 26, from Auburn.

Five great-grandchildren were present. Servant-free dining at the homestead that day. At 4 o'clock p. m. the attention of the meeting being over, one hundred were called to the following exercises: Reading of the Scripture, by Wm. Bicknell; Prayer, by Nathan H. De Coster; Remarks by Bicknell and Merrill; Singing of the "Sweet By and Bye" by many of the audience; Parting address by the returning son. His earnest appeals for help to honor the cause of temperance by their lives will be remembered by many.

HARTFORD.

REHOBOTH.

A. M. Richardson and Wallace Brode have returned to Colby University.

Mr. Stevens of San Francisco, Cal., and Mr. Luther Tubbs of Minn., who have about twenty-eight, and Mrs. P. H. Colby of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. J. M. Harney of Waterville have been visiting friends here the past week.

Mrs. A. G. Turner's hand is somewhat better, though she will probably never have the use of it.

The Academy school has opened with about sixty-five scholars, and more are coming.

NORTH NEWBY.

It is about time for you to hear from North Newby. Locals are not very plentiful just now. Farmers are busy cutting their grain and will get a good crop. Potatoes are rusting badly and some complain of rot.

Your Albany correspondent is in the shade with Ora Saunders' sucking calf. Adelbert Kilgore of this place has a matched pair of this species, one he purchased of Ezekiel Jackson of Norway, and has refused \$50.00 of one of them. He also bought of Mr. Jackson a heifer calf that he has been offered \$25.00 but will not sell at that price. The cows are Norman and Knox blood, and look precisely alike.

Your Ramford correspondent complains of cobbles in the roads. Just say to him if he wants to see cobbles in the road let him come to No. Norway. We have no survivors in this town, but road cobbles and the thing works first-rate for the cobbles.

OXFORD.

The farmers are complaining greatly of the drought.

Several from this place will attend the fall term at Hebron Academy, which institution is rapidly gaining favor in this town.

L. C. Stone and Alpha Kavanaugh are manufacturing ice cream. They sell by the quart and persons in want of the cooling beverage would do well to patronize him.

MISS MANIA JONES, Harry Hayes and Frankie Hawkes are at school at Hebron Academy. Miss Millie Walker is attending school at Lewiston High school and Egbert Ellis has gone to Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.

Fires, small in destructiveness but large in number have been raging along the line of the G. T. R. this week and last.

Everything is dried up and farmers are taking advantage of the dryness of the soil to get their potatoes into the cellar. Good yields are reported.

Summer visitors are beginning to go back to the cities and don't think half as much of their "country cousins" as they did just before the warm weather commenced.

H. A. Hall of East Otisfield is doing quite a business in the corn and bran trade.

It is said Ansel Brooks' family of Otisfield is to have a reunion next Sunday.

Two four-horse teams brought the Norway district school on a picnic to the island last Wednesday.

The planks for the new sidewalk on High St. have been hauled. We are glad to see such a nuisance as it had become, abated. Several have been injured, by stepping into the rotten holes through the planks.

Partridges and other game now fall prey to the mighty hunters of the Oxford Gun Club.

Several heavy frosts are reported around this locality.

A goodly number of teams are seen wending their way to the Paris corn shops.

Pipers are at work in the mill putting in the new fire extinguisher.

Leander Wardwell is to run a "big team" to the Advent Camp-ground, Sunday.

The band is progressing rapidly, but we shall like to see the "big band" where that "elephant band" stands is. He may think it is in front of our mansion perhaps; by the way, he blew his cornet after band meeting the other night.

A broken shaft caused a slight stoppage to the Wolchville Woolen Mill, Saturday.

Mr. Hartman is seen this way occasionally, riding his silent steed. He is quite expert at bicycling.

Chas. Littlewood has left the classic walls of the woolen mill for Norway, where he will reside in Mr. Rowe's barber shop.

Thomas Baker has a field of corn in which the average height of the stalks is about 10 feet.

Thompson Pond is 7 miles, 1125 yards long, measuring from Robinson's dam to the Heath bridge. It contains about 8 square miles. Just this side of the island, off Lum's shore, where some men were drowned a few years ago, the water is 180 feet deep.

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